

**216C.38 BUILDING ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER.**

Subdivision 1. **Energy partnership.** To improve the energy efficiency of buildings, the commissioner shall administer a Building Energy Research Center that shall be a cooperative effort among the commissioner, the University of Minnesota, technical colleges, and certain associations and businesses from the private sector. The center's goal is to become a nationally recognized center for building research.

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Building Energy Research Center is to:

- (1) conduct studies of Minnesota building experience;
- (2) disseminate information acquired relating to building energy efficiency;
- (3) conduct continuing education courses;
- (4) provide limited energy and design consultation services for innovative projects;
- (5) coordinate and stimulate research efforts; and
- (6) seek private sector pledges to match appropriations for this program.

**History:** 1983 c 301 s 133; 1987 c 258 s 12; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 10 subd 1; 1989 c 246 s 2